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Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Shiela A. Loggins on 8/26/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1 last line before "." - , wherein said one or more separation stages include a mechanical means selected from the group consisting of a filter press, centrifuge, belt press, horizontal belt filter, and pressure filter, and said solid residue includes cake solids - has been inserted.

In the specification on page 15 line 29 "wass" has been changed to - was -; and on page 16 line 19 "fermantation" has been changed to - fermentation -.

In the amendment to the specification dated 6/18/08, line 8 "acidin" has been changed to - acid in -.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to /Peter A. Hruskoci/ whose telephone number is (571) 272-1160. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00AM-5:00PM.

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